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To: NOSB Livestock

**Subject:** Please protect organic standards

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Dear NOP:

As busy as we all are, I wanted to briefly write and inform you that:

- I support the USDA'S efforts to strengthen dairy standards
- Animal born on an organic dairy farm SHOULD be raised organic
- Animal purchased as replacements or expansion animals SHOULD be organic from last third of gestation
- USDA SHOULD do rule making to get rid of the current two track system

Organic farming is becoming a niche market that is essential for the livelihood of many family farms... even the industry as we know it... please protect HIGH organic standards.

Sincerely,

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